

**Remarks/Arguments:**

The applicant thanks the examiner for the telephone interview on February 11, 2008, in which the Britton reference was discussed.

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed January 11, 2008.

Claims 1-5, 7-20 and 24-51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gehani (U.S. Patent No. 5,765,171) and further in view of Britton et al., (U.S. Patent No. 5,613,060).

Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gehani in view of Britton and further in view of Mosher et al (U.S. 6,785,696).

Claims 21-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gehani in view of Britton and further in view of Fiske (U.S. 6,324,692).

The independent claims include the feature that “the one phase update is done to multiple slave servers concurrently”. This along with the other features of the claims is not shown or made obvious by the prior art.

For example, column 31 of Britton states that one-phase updates are only done when there is less than two resources to update.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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